

In Loving Memory of



Clyde Parker

August 31, 1945 - November 5, 2021

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Chapels of Eden Funeral Home
110 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018
Allen Simmons, Officiating
Timothy Rawls, Organist

Obituary

Clyde Parker departed this life into eternal rest after a long illness on Friday, November 5, 2021 in the comfort of his home in Newark NJ.

On August 31, 1945, Clyde Parker was born to the late John and Georgia Parker in Copes, South Carolina. By the age of two, Clyde was brought to New Jersey and was raised by his late paternal grandmother, Florence Grant. He was educated in the Newark Public School system and in 1965 he joined the US Army. A decision that he called “a disaster” however it turned out to be the best thing that could’ve happened to him. During his military stay he learned Silk Screen Printing, a skill he would use for the remainder of his working life.

Once discharged from the military Clyde met and befriended Valerie Arrington. They formed a bond that would carry them through many years. Clyde loved and helped Valerie raise her 2 children, and later they had 2 children together. They raised a total of 8 children together including 4 grandchildren.

Clyde LOVED music and black history. Music was always playing in the house and he was always excited to talk about our history. He was always willing to help others in need. In his younger days (not necessarily his youth) he painted houses, buildings, wall murals and created banners. Clyde worked for street sign companies in Jersey City, Hillside, and later Orange, where he remained for many years, until he retired. He created street signs (including highway signs) all over New Jersey, that you see today. Clyde was a great handyman. He could paint, do plumbing and would put up shelving, dressers, and even fix a broken window. Clyde taught his children how to ride bikes, skates and skateboards on hills, teaching them a very important lesson on brakes and control. He took his grandchildren to parks and music festivals and would outwalk them all. As he got older, he would sit for hours putting together beautiful puzzles and give them away to those who wanted to hang them in their homes, one even asked to hang them in their classroom. He put his heart into those puzzles and enjoyed doing it. He put together puzzles until he could no longer. He was very kind and extremely giving.

Clyde grew-up in a Baptist household that included his beloved Aunts, the late Estelle Prather and Ella Crump, whom he loved and adored. After seeking understanding for himself, Clyde accepted Jesus into his life. Clyde liked to attend Church services in the park and online. He also availed himself for telephone prayers. Clyde enjoyed his life to the very end.

Clyde was preceded in death by his grandson Chazz H. He leaves to cherish his memories his 1st love, Valerie Arrington; his children: Yolanda Thomas, John (TC), Jamel Arrington, Nykeisha Carr /Henry; His Grands: Charles, Valerie, Chavon, Shamil, Seth, Malachi, Xavier, Zachariah, Justus, and Della; Great grand: Sage Olivia; Two close cousins, Otis Smith and Tonya Hopson; and a host of other family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Final Disposition

.Greenwood Crematory
Elizabeth, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement


*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere
thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.*

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